

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE:

GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS

Grand Jury Room No. 2  
United States District Court  
for the District of Columbia  
3rd & Constitution, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Thursday, July 23, 1998

The testimony of GEORGE MICHAEL WILSON was taken in  
the presence of a full quorum of Grand Jury 97-5, impaneled  
on December 5, 1997, commencing at 9:28 a.m., before:

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## PROCEEDINGS

1 Whereupon,

3 GEORGE MICHAEL WILSON

4 was called as a witness and, having been first duly sworn by  
5 the Foreperson of the Grand Jury, was examined and testified  
6 as follows:

## 7 EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. BITTMAN:

9 Q Good morning, sir. My name is Robert Bittman. I'm  
10 an attorney in the Office of the Independent Counsel.

11 Could you please state your name for the record?

12 A My name is George Michael Wilson.

13 Q And what do you do for a living, sir?

14 A I'm a criminal investigator with the Federal  
15 Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, Office of Inspector  
16 General.

17 Q Before we go too far into the questions, I'd like  
18 to advise you of certain rights and obligations that we  
19 advise every person who appears before the grand jury.

20 And the rights are that you have a right to have an  
21 attorney present outside the courtroom with you today. Do  
22 you have an attorney with you today?

23 A I do not.

24 Q If you did have an attorney with you, you would be  
25 permitted to consult with that attorney at any reasonable

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1 time. If you have a question about something I ask you, you  
2 are permitted to excuse yourself from the grand jury and  
3 consult with that attorney. Do you understand that?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you waive your right to have an attorney  
6 present?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q Okay. You also have a right not to incriminate  
9 yourself, otherwise known as the Fifth Amendment right. That  
10 is, if I ask you a question to which your answer may  
11 incriminate you in some way, you do not have to answer that  
12 question. Do you understand that?

13 A Yes, I do.

14 Q Okay. You also have certain obligations here, and  
15 the primary obligation is to tell the truth. And, that is,  
16 if you lie or intentionally mislead this grand jury, you may  
17 be prosecuted by this or another grand jury for those crimes.  
18 Do you understand that?

19 A Yes, I do.

20 Q Okay. You indicated that you work for FEMA now.  
21 Where did you work prior to working for FEMA?

22 A I was a Secret Service Agent from 1978 to 1998.

23 Q Did you retire from the Secret Service or did you  
24 resign from the Secret Service?

25 A I retired.